

PROGRAM MEASURES

PROGRAM:

Financial and Economic Analysis

PROGRAM ELEMENT:

Revenue and Economic Forecasting

PROGRAM MISSION:

Support decision makers on financial and economic policy issues by providing accurate and timely analysis and evaluation of policy alternatives

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUPPORTED:

- Ensure high value for tax dollars
- Ensure accountability
- Insist upon customer satisfaction

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Outcomes/Results:

Bond rating by three rating agencies	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA
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Service Quality:

Average annual percentage variance of budgeted to actual revenues ^a	4.70	5.40	6.60	NA	NA
Six-year average percentage variance of budgeted to actual revenues ^a	1.13	2.53	3.00	NA	NA
Ten-year average percentage variance of budgeted to actual revenues ^a	0.56	0.64	0.90	NA	NA

Efficiency:
Outputs/Workload:

Number of economic indicator updates per year	5	12	12	12	12
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Inputs:

Personnel expenditures (\$000) ^b	269	392	452	321	350
Workyears ^b	4.0	5.0	6.8	4.0	3.9
Workyears to produce quarterly and monthly economic reports	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

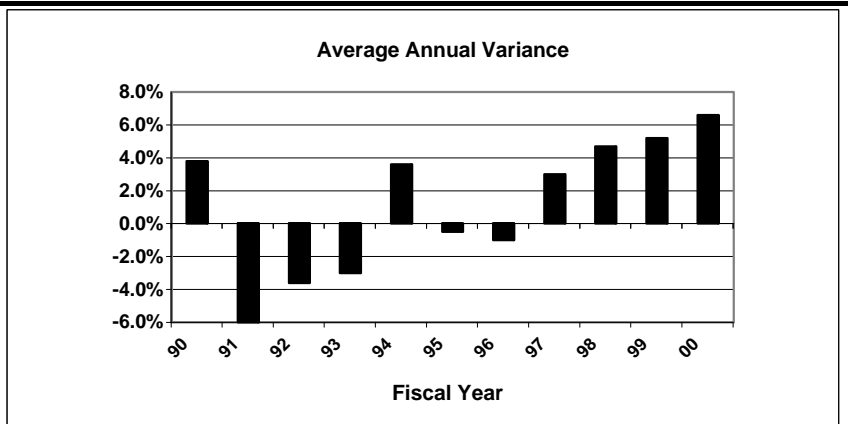
Notes:

^aFuture forecasts are assumed to have no variance.

^bOperating expenses are included under Administration. Expenditures and workyears for FY01 and FY02 reflect the transfer of three Financial and Economic Analysis staff to the new Debt Management Program. FY98 - FY00 reflect budgeted workyears. Workyears decrease in FY02 due to allocation of lapse from Director's Office Administration.

EXPLANATION:

Positive variation indicates underestimation of total revenues received, while negative variation reflects shortfalls in revenues, with the latter likely to occur when revenues are affected by a downturn in the economy. The annual variation between budgeted total revenues and actual total revenues received over a ten-year period shows significant positive and negative variation based on external factors such as the economy. The average annual variation across the ten year period from FY91 to FY00 was 0.9 percent.



PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF OUTCOMES: Office of Management and Budget, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, State Department of Assessment and Taxation, Controller's Office.

MAJOR RELATED PLANS AND GUIDELINES: Montgomery County Code.